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Dear Sir:

The communication mailed October 27, 2005, indicating that the Response filed September 14, 2005, was considered non-responsive as failing to address each rejection and claim amendment, has been received and considered. Applicant apologizes for any difficulty the previous Response may have caused.

It is Applicant's understanding that the Response filed September 14 was not entered. Applicant therefore submits the present Amendment as a replacement of the September 14 Response and as the response to the Office Action of May 19, 2005. Some of the claims are amended differently in this Response as compared to the non-entered response filed on September 14. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

If any fees are required on account of this filing, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3585.

The listing of the claims with the present claim amendments begins on page 3.

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